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Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing to you on behalf of those who cannot speak for themselves. The U.S. Egg Industry is forcing their hens to endure such painful, agonizing treatments in their all-too-brief lives. When they are young they are trapped in dark cages. They lay their eggs and when their time is up, they are starved for up to 14 days. They are forced to molt. I do not understand how the egg industry can get away with this. They do it – why? – to make some extra money. Chickens may not have the intellect of people, but they can feel pain – and the emptiness in their stomach.

After they are starved and they have plucked their feathers out to eat, they are sent to the slaughterhouse. There, they are killed and many do not even die right away. How can we allow such atrocities occur? We can't comprehend the pain the chickens have to go through.

Here are the names of 90 people beside myself who strongly oppose the inhumane treatment of chickens. Please put an end to the forced molting and other cruel methods used by the U.S. Egg Industry. Chickens cannot help themselves.

Thank you for your time and patience.

Sincerely,

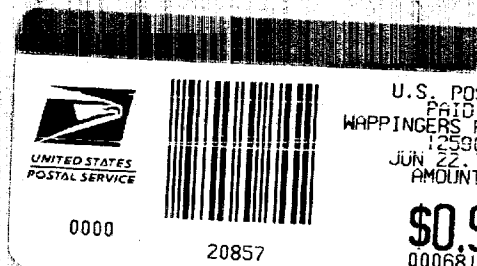
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